



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
May 18, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jonathan Arias, Brent Berger, Marcela Campoli, Donna Cawley, Yingxi Chen, Desiree de la Torre, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Susan Emery, Laurel Fain, Gabriela Lemus, Adam Lustig, Dr. Davis, Tara Clemons Johnson

Members Absent: Alana Aronin, Kendra Harris, Cesar Perez, Betty Smith

DHHS Staff: Dr. Rogers, Felicia Hugee, Meghan Sontag

Guests: Leslie Frey, Venchele Saint Dic

Topic/Presenter	Key Points	Action Item/ Responsible Person
Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Chair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. The Chair welcomed Commissioners and guests and reviewed the agenda. • The next two COH meetings are June 15th and July 20th, August recess • The Chair provided a reminder that COH is looking for volunteers to serve on the Membership Committee. Susan Emery and Gabriela Lemus volunteered to serve on the membership committee. 	Membership Committee to huddle to review process (<i>complete</i>)
MCDHHS Health Officer's Report <i>Dr. Davis, Montgomery County Health Officer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID continues to be LOW transmission. Public Health emergency ended last week. • Maryland Department of Health is proposing a new measure, RESPNET, which will reflect anyone in the hospital with any respiratory disease (COVID, Influenza and RSV). Will recommend masking based on this value. • Wastewater surveillance is continuing to monitor COVID • Medicaid outreach being conducted to re-enroll or connect to exchange plan when appropriate. • MCPS granted approval for students to carry Narcan within schools • DHHS is also focused on prevention related to substance use, interested in inpatient beds for youth with substance use disorder in Maryland, in discussion with the State and community partners. Interested in medication- assisted treatment for youth, discuss with providers. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget is in the final stages. Dr. Davis thanked Commissioners for their advocacy. Community Health Needs Assessment will be available in the beginning of June. Will be working on the Community Health Improvement Plan and hosting townhalls. Commissioner question about the loneliness epidemic-discussion of social isolation and effects on health outcomes. Welcome ideas for ways to build community and connection. It is possible to get data regarding social isolation to community groups interested in addressing this issue. Commission may want to invite Dr. Santiago to an upcoming meeting to discuss behavioral health needs in the County. Commissioner asked if the County had applied to the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) funding. DHHS staff to inquire and relay answer. 	<p>Overdose Data to Action Funding: DHHS staff inquired about the CDC OD2A funding opportunity announced earlier this year. Montgomery County did not meet the initial criteria for this funding.</p>
<p>DHHS Legislative Officer's Report <i>Leslie Frey,</i> <i>Intergovernmental Relations</i> <i>Legislative Analyst</i> <i>Montgomery County DHHS</i></p>	<p>See Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner question regarding breast cancer screening mandated health insurance benefits-CSAs share this information when out in the Community and DHHS will contact PIO to outreach to DHHS outlets. Another idea shared was the role of the Montgomery County Medical Society providing outreach to providers regarding this bill. Commissioner asked how the cannabis bill addressed social equity. Leslie Frey provided additional information via email post meeting. See Action Item. Commissioner asked about the Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland from 2022. Commission has been meeting and report is due Dec 31st, 2023. Bill to study ER wait times did not pass this session. Commissioner asked how revenue funds will be monitored regarding the cannabis bill. No answer at this time. 	<p>Please see pgs. 3-6 of the Fiscal and Policy note for a comprehensive summary on how the cannabis bill addressed social equity</p>
<p>Approval of April Minutes <i>Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Chair</i></p>	<p>Donna made note of a needed correction in the April 20th meeting minutes, the membership and nomination committee were flipped in the action items, will be corrected.</p> <p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Gabriela Lemus to approve the April 20th meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Donna Cawley. The minutes were unanimously approved by all present Commissioners.</p>	<p>Correct April 20th meeting minutes (<i>complete</i>)</p> <p>Request the approved April minutes be posted to COH website-<i>COH Staff (complete)</i></p>
<p>Nomination Committee</p>	<p>The Nomination Committee asked Commissioners to consider the role of Chair and Vice Chair and provided an</p>	<p>Nomination Committee to reach out to Commissioners regarding</p>

<p><i>Desiree de la Torre, Donna Cawley</i></p>	<p>overview of these roles. Crystal and Sue shared their experiences and Meghan provided some additional information on role requirements.</p> <p>Commissioner asked if there will be a secretary role for the COH moving forward. Meghan shared that Commissioners are encouraged to have a secretary in lieu of DHHS staff taking notes. Notes need to include members present, members absent, and actions taken. The Nomination Committee will include role of secretary in their outreach. Voting will take place at the June meeting.</p>	<p>role of Chair and Vice Chair (<i>complete</i>)</p>
<p>Workgroup Updates <i>All Commissioners</i></p>	<p><u>Public Health Administration</u>: The workgroup met with Dr. Rogers to discuss potential advocacy issues. The three topics discussed: evaluation infrastructure, chronic disease management and Ending the HIV epidemic.</p> <p><u>Access to Care</u>: The workgroup is in the information gathering stage. Discussed healthier food options and link to health outcomes, looking for data. Suggestion to meet with Heather Bruskin, the first Office of Food Systems Resilience Director</p>	<p>Adam Lustig to pull research on providing healthier food options and link to health outcomes and provide to Access to Care workgroup.</p> <p>Access to Care Workgroup Interested in meeting with Dr. Rogers and Dr. Kapunan. Meghan to follow-up (<i>In progress</i>)</p> <p>Resources shared in the chat: https://mocofoodcouncil.org/ https://www.fimcoalition.org/research1</p>
<p>COH Annual Report Writing Assignments <i>Meghan Sontag</i></p>	<p>Meghan reviewed COH Annual Report format and deadline of July 1st for workgroup summaries.</p>	<p>Workgroups to provide their summary by July 1st.</p>
<p>COH Liaison Updates <i>BCC Liaisons</i></p>	<p>AAHP Community Day is coming up, Saturday May 20th.</p> <p>Mental Health Advisory Spring Forum running concurrently with this meeting, so liaison was unable to attend. Donna will share the recording if there is one. Donna recommended COH invites Mental Health Advisory Board to an upcoming meeting.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Gabriela Lemus to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Adam Lustig. Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.</p>	

